

MABL Board Meeting

Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the MABL Board of Directors was called to order at 6:00 PM on February 22, 2021 by Mike Abercrombie and held virtually.

Present

Mike Abercrombie, Commissioner
Ryan Swindle, Awards Chairman
Elias Steadman, Treasurer
Richard Doster, Umpire Liaison
Matthew Reidy, Secretary

Business Addressed

Board Vision

Responsibilities were defined and allocated amongst board members by Commissioner and approved by all present. Discussion included equal team representation in rule changes through representative democracy, each team receiving one vote after a period of review. Non-rule changes (player eligibility, suspension, etc..) will be voted on by the board and Commissioner. Board member compensation and term limits were addressed but not finalized, to be decided on in next meeting. Compensation options included board members season dues waived or swag (hats, bats, etc..). Term limits will be 2 or 3 seasons, staggered. To be finalized next meeting after review.

Notable individual projects include.

- Budget review and baseball purchasing by Treasurer.
- Rule section review and news updates on website by Secretary.
- Head umpire correspondence by Umpire Liaison about recent game situations.
- POTM ideas, media endeavors, and designing a new championship trophy by Media Manager.

Discussion of Lineup Rules

The current lineup rules (MABL Rules Section 15 – Number of Batters) was brought into discussion by Commissioner at the request of multiple teams. In order to promote inclusion in balance with a healthy competitiveness the Commissioner proposed adopting current MSBL rules. (<https://msblnational.com/msbl-mabl-national-tournament-rules/> under “Offensively”) Umpire Liaison made a motion to adapt MSBL Rules during the playoffs, motion was

considered but not passed. The board is currently reviewing proposed lineup changes and will reconvene discussion promptly over email and open up to manager discussion.

Umpires

A rule was proposed by Umpire Liaison that umpires will speak only to managers during game time. This motion was seconded by Secretary. No vote was proposed, discussion to be continued next meeting. Recent game situations were discussed while reviewing the pros and cons of current umpire staffing. Umpire Liaison will speak directly with Head Umpire Jaime about recent game situations.

Baseballs

DRG baseballs have offered to produce branded MABL baseballs for \$65.22 a dozen at 100 dozen minimum order. Regular Diamond D1Pro baseballs run \$79.95 a dozen with no minimum. The board was interested in the DRG branded ball but no vote was proposed; Treasurer is going to review and ultimately decide.

Trophy

The Commissioner has set a budget of \$200.00 for a new championship trophy as the current trophy is damaged. Media Manager will design the new trophy and finalize purchase with Treasurer.

Maui Invitational, Media Coverage

Media manager will take lead on including the college in league activity to promote MABL reputation with the county. Dave Gold was suggested as a lead in Media activities by Umpire Liaison.

Agenda for next meeting

- Propose vote to team managers on Lineup rule changes.
- Propose vote on umpire communication rule.
- Propose vote on Board of Director term limits and compensation.
- Review baseball inventory.
- Review trophy ideas.
- Review MABL rule editing by Secretary.
- Consider additional board members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8.20PM by Mike Abercrombie. The next meeting will be Monday, March 22nd at 6:00PM and held virtually.

Minutes submitted by: Matthew Reidy